

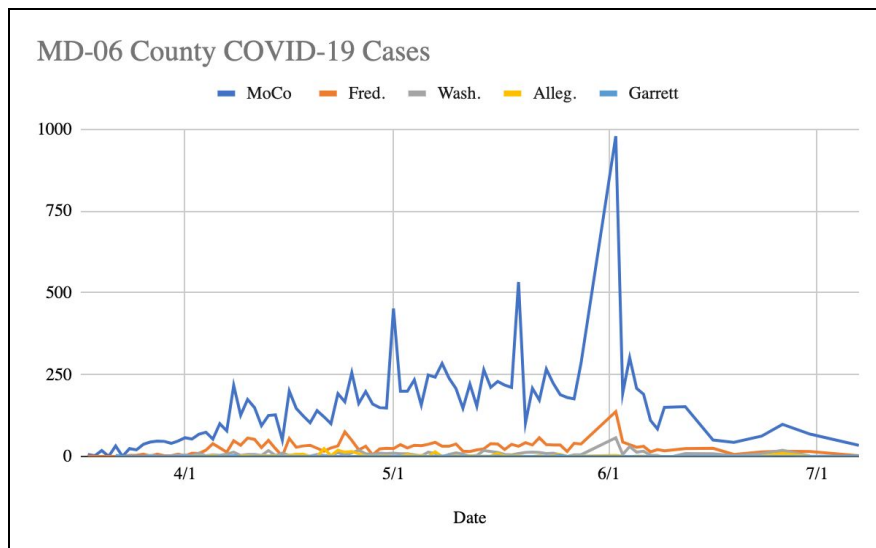
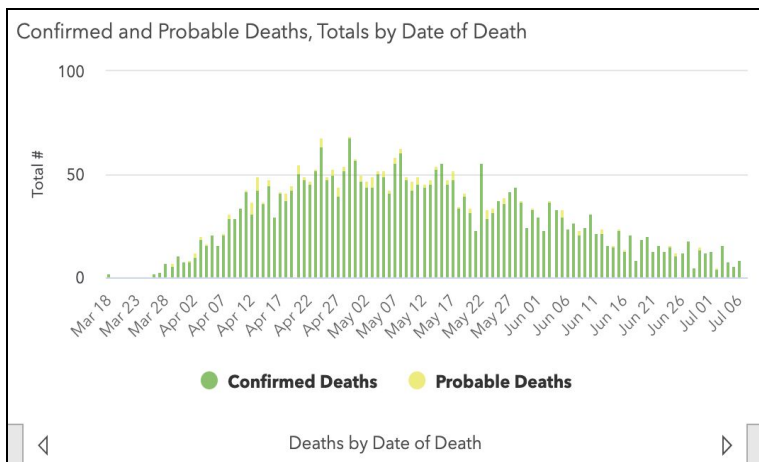
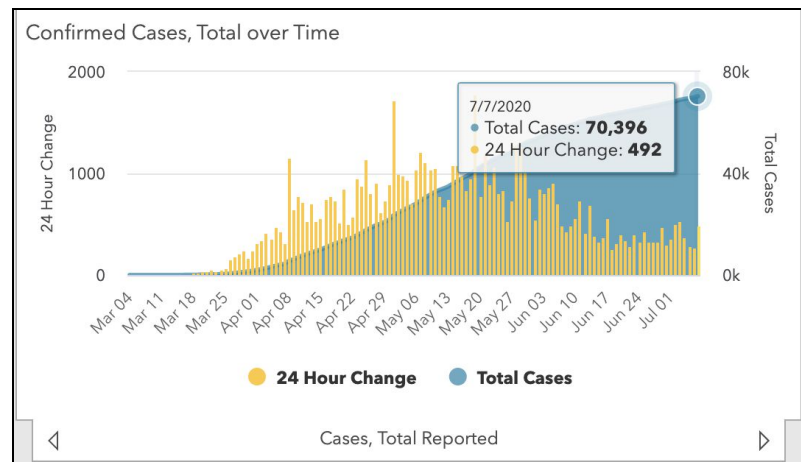
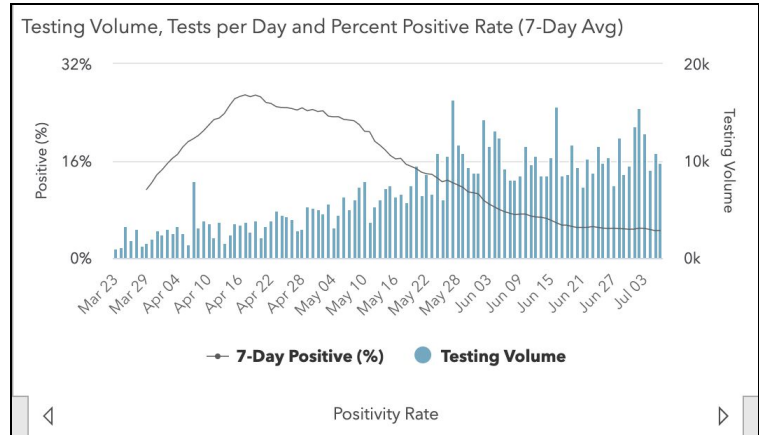
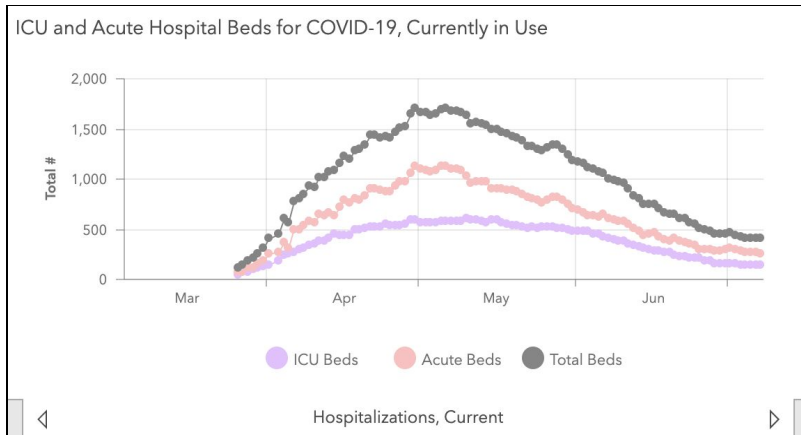
Coronavirus Update: July 7th

Congressman David Trone (MD-06)

Stats @ July 7th, 3:00 pm

Charts are sourced from the Maryland [coronavirus](https://www.maryland.gov/coronavirus) website. Every county is now in phase 2 of reopening.

MARYLAND DATA



Total cases reported: MoCo 15,332, Fred 2,551, Wash 696, Alleg 210, Garrett 15. MD: 70,396, MD deaths: 3,140.

As of 3:00 pm on July 7, the U.S. had recorded 2,961,232 confirmed cases and 130,751 deaths due to Coronavirus ([JHU](https://www.jhu.edu)).

Federal News

- On Monday, Dr. Peter Hotez, dean of tropical medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, told CNN that COVID-19 “cases are rising so rapidly, that we cannot even do contact tracing anymore” across the South and Southwest. His comments come as the U.S. nears 3 million total confirmed cases and an average of just under 50K new cases daily over the past week -- twice as many as recorded a month ago. ([CNN](#))
- The U.S. government has awarded Novavax, Inc. \$1.6 billion to test and manufacture its candidate vaccine for the novel coronavirus, with the aim of delivering 100 million doses by January. The award is the biggest yet from “Operation Warp Speed,” the White House initiative to accelerate access to vaccines and treatments to fight COVID-19. Novavax is headquartered in Gaithersburg, MD. ([Reuters](#))
- On Monday, NIAIC Director Dr. Anthony Fauci said the average age of new coronavirus patients has dropped by roughly 15 years compared with new cases reported a few months ago, as the virus reignites in America’s Sun Belt. Florida, for example, is reporting a median age of 33 years for new COVID-19 cases. Young people are less likely to develop serious illnesses from COVID-19, but Dr. Fauci warned that the virus can “put them out of action for weeks,” and they could spread the disease to others at higher risk of serious illness. ([CNBC](#))
- According to new regulations released by the U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement on Monday, foreign students attending U.S. colleges that will operate entirely online this fall semester cannot remain in the U.S. on their student visas while attending school online. ([NPR](#))

Maryland Updates

- Maryland’s key COVID-19 health metrics continue to trend in a good direction, with the statewide positivity rate dropping to a new low of 4.51%, and total current hospitalizations falling to 403. The state reported three new confirmed deaths, the lowest number since March 31. ([Office of Gov Larry Hogan](#))
- On Friday, Governor Larry Hogan announced additional steps to further expand testing, including a new Maryland Department of Health (MDH) directive instructing physicians to order a test for any individual who requests it, as well as additional testing site options. ([Office of Gov Larry Hogan](#))

District Updates

- Montgomery County
 - a. On Tuesday, the total number of cases stands at 15,163, which is an increase of 34 from Sunday. The total number of deaths stands at 715, which is an increase of 4 since Sunday.
 - b. County Executive Marc Elrich said during a media briefing Wednesday, July 1, that the county will wait to see if the Fourth of July causes a spike in COVID-19 cases before any Phase 3 reopening announcement is made.
 - c. All nine metrics reported on Monday are showing improvement or adequate capacity.
- Frederick County
 - a. Frederick County has tested 10.5 percent of its population. On Tuesday, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases stands at 2,554 which is an increase of two since Monday. The death toll in the county held steady at 113 for the second consecutive day.
 - b. The county Board of Ed. announced that Frederick County Public Schools will likely operate under a hybrid model of in-person and virtual instruction for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Washington County
 - a. Washington County picked up 19 more COVID-19 cases since Thursday and recorded another death, the Maryland Department of Health reported Sunday. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 696 and the total number of deaths to 29.
 - b. The Fulton Forward Foundation recently donated \$75,000 to the Washington County COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Fund.

- Allegany County
 - a. The Allegany County Health Department on Monday reported four new cases of COVID-19, bringing the jurisdiction's total to 210.
 - b. Free drive-thru COVID-19 testing will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Thursday and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Allegany County Fairgrounds.
- Garrett County
 - a. The Garrett County Health Department on Monday reported the jurisdiction's 15th COVID-19 case.
 - b. Garrett will again hold COVID-19 testing this Friday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot between the GCHD and the Mountain Laurel Medical Center at 1025 Memorial Drive in Oakland.